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ELEMENTS, METHODS AND TEST  
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AMENDMENT

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated December 5, 2001, the three-month date for response to which was March 5, 2002. Applicants are filing this Amendment along with a Petition and Fee for an Extension of Time for Three Months, bringing the due date to June 5, 2002, which is within the six-month statutory period for response.

The following amendments are made pursuant to the requirements of Rule 121 as revised in the new Rules of